

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2003. Claims 64-100 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 37, 42-44 and 61-63 have been rejected by the Examiner. As noted above, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 37, 42-44 and 61-63 and submitted New Claims 64-100. Applicants have also amended the title and the abstract of the disclosure. The amendments and New Claims 64-100 are fully supported by the written description. Also, no new matter has been introduced into the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 or § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 42-44 and 61-63 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Burkoth et al. (WO 98/23228). The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fischell et al. (USPN 5,695,516). Without acceding to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 37, 42-44 and 61-63. Therefore, the claim rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

Claims 64-100 are pending in this application. Examination and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0345.

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